

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** July 6, 2011  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 787  
**AUTHOR:** W. Chesbro

**BILL SUMMARY: Marine Protected Areas: California Native Americans**

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) prohibits the taking of species, for any purpose, in marine life reserves, except as authorized by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for scientific purposes.

This bill would require a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe in California who engages in non-commercial fishing, gathering, or other traditional cultural practices within the North Coast Study Region to possess a valid tribal identification card and comply with the plan for Native American fishing and gathering approved by the Commission.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The bill would have no fiscal impact to the state.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on the bill. The bill would have no fiscal impact to the state and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

The MLPA requires the redesign and establishment of a network of marine protected areas to protect and conserve marine life, habitat, and ecosystems. There are differing types of marine protected areas, including marine life reserves in which no fishing or other take activities are allowed. Other marine protected areas, such as the North Coast Study Region, allow for certain types of commercial and recreational harvesting.

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Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP								Fund
Type		RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code	
3600/Dept FishGam		SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0200	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>										
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund										

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